

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS
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NRD-2016-0017
720 Congress Avenue
Congress Avenue

PROPOSAL

Remove the non-historic storefront and concrete slipcover from the building and construct a new storefront.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The proposed storefront will be constructed of steel and glass with divided lights and a steel beam spandrel panel dividing the first floor from the second floor. The effect will be a series of multi-light windows on the street and second story; the brick under the non-historic slipcover is proposed for restoration.

STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

The Congress Avenue Historic District has no design guidelines for modifications. General design principles for buildings within historic districts encourage removing non-historic and non-sympathetic modifications and restoring original fabric and details to the greatest extent possible.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff supports this project and recommends approval as proposed. The existing storefront has been an anomaly on the Avenue for many years, and this proposal, while not restoring the original appearance of this building, restores the rhythm of a three-part bay division common to the historic buildings on the Avenue.

